Fast Track Courts

*14. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fast track courts setup and the number of cases decided by these courts during the last one year; and

(b) the total number such courts to be setup during the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHY): (a) From 1st November, 2001 to 13th November, 2002, 404 fast track courts were set up, 504 fast track courts were made functional and 62,838 cases were decided by the fast track courts.

(b) The total number of fast track courts to be set up in the country are 1734 as per the recommendations of the Eleventh Finance Commission. As on 13th November, 2002, 1234 fast track courts have been set up. The State Governments have been requested to set up the remaining Fast Track Courts keeping in view the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its judgement dated 6th May, 2002 in the case of Brij Mohan Lal *Vs.* Union of India & Others.

Re-look of broadcasting sector

*15. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to take a re-look into the broadcasting sector;

(b) if so, by when the final decision for re-look into the broadcasting sector is likely to be taken; and

(c) whether some of the TV channels have started 24 hour news operation in the country, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Developments in the Broadcasting sector are kept under constant review.